

2009 AmeriCorps member with the Montana Conservation Corps

2010 AmeriCorps VISTA with the Prevention Resource Center Served at Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Missoula

Currently the Program Manager at CASA of Missoula

Kirsten Vorreyer joined AmeriCorps to bridge the gap between earning her degree in Communications from the University of Montana and finding permanent employment in Missoula. Kirsten first served a summer with the Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) building trails, using a chainsaw and camping with her crew of eight for 40 days straight. She then continued her service as an AmeriCorps VISTA at CASA. Kirsten helped CASA meet their mission of placing volunteer advocates to act in the interest of abused children in the judicial system. She increased volunteer support by setting up a monthly training program, designing a mentor program, and planning the annual volunteer appreciation event. Kirsten's service as an AmeriCorps VISTA led directly to her employment with CASA, first as the Volunteer Coordinator and now as the Program Manager.

"I am so glad I served with AmeriCorps. With the MCC, I got to do things that I've never done before, like camp in the wilderness and get in amazing shape doing trail work. And being a VISTA definitely helped my career path. I learned so much about fundraising, event planning, setting up programs and coordinating volunteers. I was able to transition easily into fulltime employment with CASA."—Kirsten Vorreyer

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